

## BASKET BALL SEASON CLOSES

### Big Showing in Athletic Sports. Standing of the Schools.

The Inter-scholastic Athletic Association and the Public Schools Athletic League basketball season ended last Saturday night. In secondary school class, M Street High School won top honors, Stevens School, of the No. 10 Division Athletic League of the P. S. A. L. won the championship title for the city in the heavyweight class, while the city light weight honors rest with Garrison School, of the 11th Division Athletic League.

Without doubt this was the most successful season from the athletic standpoint that has ever been in Washington. The I. S. A. A. league series of games were marked with features of top team play and individual skill. The officials were in all, men of the highest calibre, and came in for the highest praise for conscientious work. Among those who served were: Messrs. Washington, Henderson, Nixon, Oliver, Gray, J. Wilkinson, Hamilton, E. Clarke, J. C. Bruce, Robinson, Logan, Brown, Holland and Douglass.

M Street High School team was composed of five of the best players in the city, and won the championship wholly upon the excellent team work of the squad. To an intelligent basketball audience many a play was pulled off that savored of the bone and head variety, but to be but the players were known to be but the execution of the style of play of the team. Holland, of the champions, was especially responsible for the good team work. Although a guard possessed with the ability to shoot in spectacular manner was never guilty of taking a chance when any other player had the better opportunity to net the ball. The same might be said in lesser degree of other members of the team. Randall broke into the game as a green hand at the start of the season, but when shoved into the breach later in the season, his top pounds more than made up for the less than a hundred and a quarter members of the quint, in their games with heavier opponents. Receptor, in forward, was in every game with the seriousness and desperation of a good fighter, and proved to be one of the most reliable men of the season as a player and a sportsman. "Cotton" Hughes was a trifle off-color in the middle of the season, but when well again came back with plenty to spare in evening up the past. Captain Green, coming right through the strenuous campaign as quarter back on the football team, got into the court game and kept in form during the entire season. Not a time was there a let up in his good work, and to him for his tractability, sportsmanship, and good all-round qualities must be given most credit for bringing to M Street the most notable and best earned victory in basketball since the sport was begun. The early season prospects were none too favorable from the physical point of view, but the coach was delighted in getting a squad to work with, whose individual members were high-class students and whose scholastic record was good. In summing up, the play of the season was a result of brain work offsetting brawn lack. The only game lost was with Armstrong, which was played under protest, and did not figure in the result of the season. This was the slump period, and from then on all teams fell to M Street. Howard Academy was the strongest opponent and was defeated twice; Commercial High School and the Hiawatha teams were among the strong teams to lose to M Street.

Howard Academy was strong, fast, and rough, but lacked individual skill. Lafayette was the individual star, but was too evident a foul player in the last part of the season, which no doubt prevented his best playing. Grinnage was a hard working player and good sportsman, working always for the team's interests. Valentine was a clean fast forward. Branch, at center, was like Randall at M Street, new at the game, and did very well, but was a weak spot on the quint. Bohee showed up well against all guards except those of M Street. The team had no difficulty in triumphing all of its opponents but M Street, and proved a worthy practice squad for the Varsity team. With a good gymnasium wherein to practice, the team would have been a corker.

Business High School team had a splendid hardworking team, and made a good showing in the games played. Had the squad from which to develop material been larger, the team play could have been improved by substituting during many games. Tatum was a good leader and player and deserved a better team. He was able to out-jump his opponents in nearly all games, and was a good goal shooter. Dandridge was a good guard in all games he played, but is a poor shot. Walker has skill, but is a little erratic in play; this is his first season, however, and he will improve. Burwell was always in good condition, and his work was in advance of his efforts in other years, but there is still room for improvement. Wallace was entirely new, so that his work did not show up well. Considering the then small enrollment of the school and team, need be congratulated upon the play of the season.

Armstrong athletes are laboring under the influence of an off year. Handicapped by lack of playing court, the boys did all that could be expected. The entire squad left the school at last graduation, and a team of "non-letter" men were put into the field. The victory over M Street was a well-earned one, and it is too bad that a player was used who was ineligible. At no time did they play harder and more to high class form than in that game. From now on secondary school basketball teams and even colleges must look to their laurels, for with the best gymnasium among colored high schools in the east, some great teams will be developed. Captain Johnson was sick in the midst of the season, and the work of captaincy fell to Thaddeus Taylor, who did all that was possible with and for the team. Savoy has the earmarks of a comer if he cuts out some bad habits and sticks closer to training. Smith is erratic; a little more

seriousness would be better for him. Otto Taylor and Waring have a good bit to learn.

### Team Standing—Scholastic Series.

Team.	Won.	Lost.	Per.C.
M Street H. S. ....	3	0	1.000
Howard Academy ...	2	1	.666
Commercial H. S. ....	1	2	.333
Armstrong T. H. S. ...	0	3	.000

The greatest showing of the season was the work of the Division Athletic League champions in the struggle for city championship honors in the light and heavyweight classes. Thaddeus Stevens school heavyweight quint won top honors in that class and the Stevens light weight only at the last moment succumbed to the splendid play of the William Garrison boys at the last game. Birney School, of the 13th division, Bancker School, of the 12th division, Mott School, of the 11th division and Stevens School of the 10th division won honors in the heavyweight division series. Bancker loomed up as the strong contending force that had the chance to wrest the victory from the last year's champions, and all but accomplished their aim. The score of 5 to 3 in 24 minutes of play tells the class of the contest. Richard Johnson, Clinton Young, John Maddox, William Watkins, Augustine Parker, William Peterson and Richard Greenfield were the members of the championship team. The individual efforts and team play was unequalled, and the form displayed was a revelation to those who consider elementary school boys not wise enough to grasp the system of team play in the highly developed games. Dr. Gibbs, principal of the school, is responsible with her teachers for the school spirit and pride that has developed such a unit-group of splendid sportsmen.

Starting with simply a desire to have a team, the Garrison school quint fought a good fight to land honors and succeeded. Miss Boston and her teachers put forth every effort to develop and support a quint, and deserve the greatest praise for the results. To Ralph Green must be handed a great deal of credit for the actual play of the team, and next to Coach Joseph Holland, of M Street High School, his individual play and efforts for success were the chief elements counting for victory on the floor. In Stevens they met the best drilled squad of their opponents, who were near their weight, and after a hard battle came out on top. Had the boys of Jones School been heavier, another result might have been the case, but simple skill could not offset the lighter weight of the Jones squad. Members of the winning aggregation were: Captain Ralph Green, Mayner Garner, Edward Scott, Miller Lewis, Oswald Williams, William Jackson, and Beverly Carter.

Team Standing—City Championship Series—Lightweight Class.

Team.	Won.	Lost.	Per.C.
Garrison School ....	3	0	1.000
Stevens School ....	2	1	.666
Jones School ....	1	2	.333
Randall School ....	0	3	.000

City Championship Series—Heavyweight Class.

Team.	Won.	Lost.	Per.C.
Stevens School ....	3	0	1.000
Bancker School ....	2	1	.666
Mott School ....	1	2	.333
Birney School ....	0	3	.000

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